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Library project rolls along, quickly

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH
Advocate staff writer

The Robbins Library addition and renovation project has challenged the architects, Wallace, Floyd and Associates Inc., to come up with the plans in a short amount of time.

"It's an unusually short schedule. The town was very concerned about slipping behind," said Leonard Bertaux, director of the five-person architectural team working on the project.

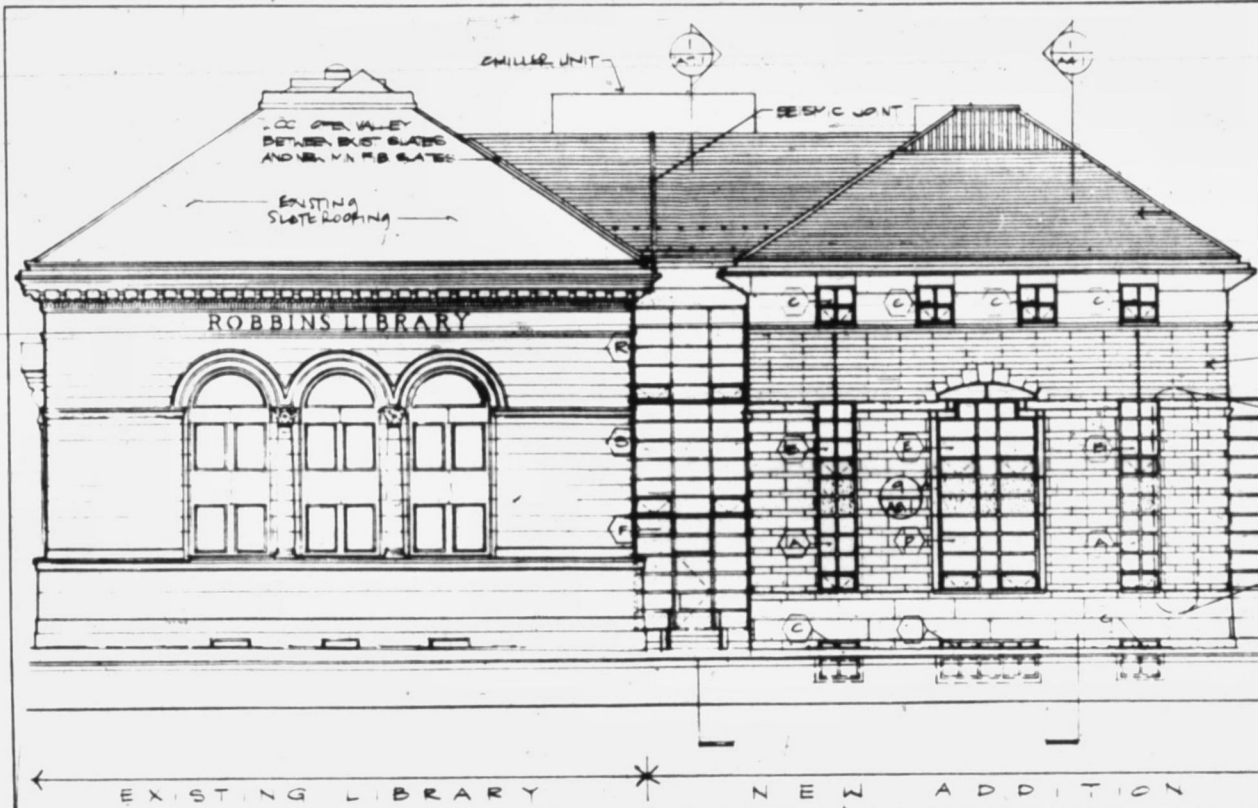
The architects say they have been working feverishly since Jan. 19 to create a modern addition to complement the 19th-century main library building. The project will double the size of the library, cost almost \$7 million, and will take two years to complete.

However, town officials maintain it is imperative the project follow a strict schedule. Maryellen Remmert-Loud, director of the library, said: "I think they may have had to do things quicker than they wanted to. But we need to be in the ground before winter comes or it's going to change the whole schedule."

Remmert-Loud said it is also necessary to begin the project soon because there is currently "an excellent bidding climate."

Wallace, Floyd and Associates have been working with Remmert-Loud and the Permanent Town Building Committee to move the plans for the library along. The Redevelopment Board has also been involved in reviewing technical aspects of the plans. Arthur Loud, chairman of the Permanent Town Building Committee, was not available for comment.

Architects involved in the design of the library for Wallace, Floyd and Associates include David R. Seeley, Irene C. Huang, Darin Quinn Mardock, and Bob Caddigan. They are



An architect's drawing of the new addition as it will join the current Robbins Library.

(Plans courtesy of Wallace, Floyd and Associates)

all working under the direction of Bertaux, who has worked closely with the town's Permanent Building Committee and Redevelopment Board to come up with a suitable design.

The architects were interviewed in a recent visit to the firm's Boston office.

"It's almost a textbook school project," said Seeley. "It's been a lot of fun. But the fact that it was hurried has made it a lot less fun."

The Redevelopment Board granted approval to plans that were 90 percent complete at a meeting on

July 22. Bertaux said the plans are now between 90 and 100 percent complete, with the final plans to be made available in several weeks.

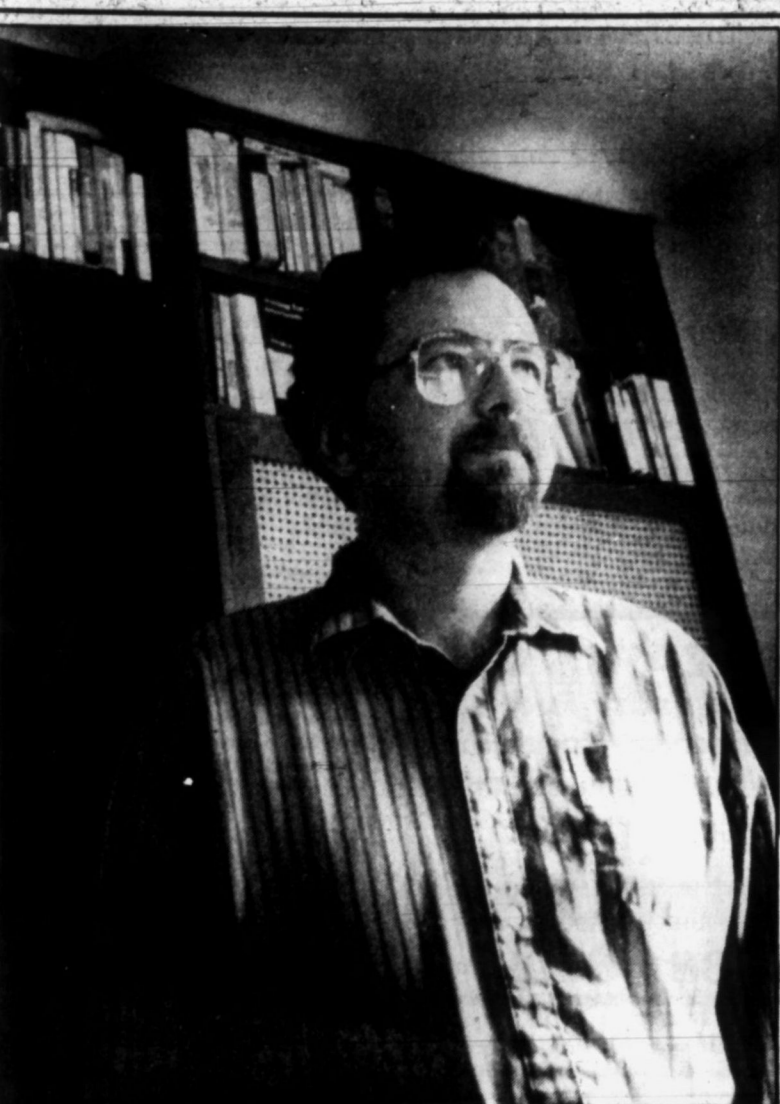
Three-phase construction

A three-phase construction plan will be employed for the addition and renovation project. This approach will allow for the library to be open during the entire construction process, by shifting library materials around as different portion of the project are completed.

The first phase, which will take approximately 50 weeks, will be the

construction of the new addition. The new wing will attach itself to the west wall of the current building and will have five floors, including the basement. "The challenge was basically setting up a building with five stories next to a building with three," said Bertaux.

The addition will have the same hip roof design of the original building, and will be attached from the foundation to the top of the roof. It is yet to be determined whether the roof of the new building will be real slate, as the current one, or a (See LIBRARY, page 10A)



Local poet Leonard Eskowitz.

He works to make his poetry grow

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH
Advocate staff writer

Leonard Eskowitz, like many poets, is trying to find a way to forge verse when he's not busy with his job or his family.

"It's awfully hard to make a living as a teacher or a writer," said Eskowitz, who works as a clerk in the Lexington Post Office at night. During the day he somehow balances sleep, poetry and family.

Eskowitz moved to Arlington from Maine six years ago with his wife, Evelyn Dorosz, and found work as a teacher at Somerville High School. "I got a job, a kid, and a new car, all within the span of a few weeks," he said in a recent interview at his home. His full-time teaching career ended because of local budget cutbacks, he said, but he still volunteers his teaching services in the community.

Working in the post office at night isn't a bad profession for a writer, said Eskowitz. He likes to point out that writer and publisher Benjamin Franklin founded the post office. Esko-

witz also notes that William Faulkner, the well-respected novelist, worked as a postmaster in Mississippi. "He wasn't a very good one though, I guess," said Eskowitz, "he used to close up early so he could go write."

Born in Boston, Leonard Eskowitz grew up in Dorchester and later attended Boston Latin High School, where he began writing short stories as a student. Several of his stories were published in the Boston Latin Register, the school's literary publication, and he won a prize from the Boston Globe for a story he entered in a contest.

He went to college at the University of Wisconsin, where he met a professor and poet, Bea Cameron, who convinced him to start writing poetry. "Even though I told her I'd never be writing poetry, I started writing poetry," he said. He later had his first poem published in the literary magazine *Chiaroscuro*, a University of Wisconsin publication, in 1976.

Eskowitz returned to New (See POET, page 10A)

Pond concerns stagnate of late

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH
Advocate staff writer

After years of studies and political battles, plans for a large-scale attempt to clean the polluted water entering Spy Pond appear to have been abandoned.

Several plans have been drawn up through the years to help minimize the runoff that enters the pond out of roughly 40 drains from surrounding streets, but the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and the Belmont Conservation Commission have opposed many of the plans favored by Arlington officials, and the one plan satisfactory to everybody was deemed too costly.

The town was left with one option, a water treatment plant that would have cost the town \$250,000. While the plan was considered for a while, the recent financial climate has eroded hopes the plant would be built. "We just don't have the money to do that now," said Town Manager Donald Marquis in a recent phone interview. "The project's been dumped."

Studies indicate Spy Pond probably began to deteriorate when the construction of Route 2 filled in 10 percent of the original pond and cut off the natural flow to Little Pond in Belmont. Route 2 was built in the 1930s and expanded in the 1960s.

The pond, which is primarily fed by springs and runoff, now drains into Little Pond through an underground pipe along the bank of Route 2. A recent visit to that drain by the Advocate showed the drain clogged and badly damaged by vandals.

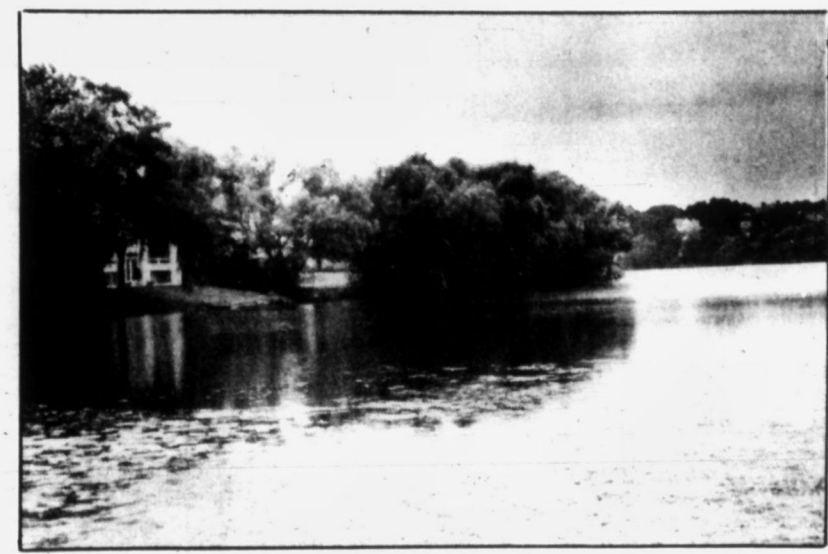
According to results of the Environmental Design and Planning study done in 1981, current arrangements allow for very little circulation of the water.

The study also showed the major source of algae and weed growth was the introduction of nutrients in storm runoff from Route 2, in addition to the release of phosphorus from the pond sediments as a result of low oxygen content.

Decade of frustration

Town and state officials extensively researched and publicly discussed several engineering plans throughout the 1980s to clean Spy Pond.

Concern about pollution in Spy Pond had grown in the early 1980s when the Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Control indicated the main source of pollution in Spy Pond was urban runoff, or water carrying oil, fertilizer, dirt, dog feces and other materials from the



Keeping Spy Pond beautiful, health and clean is the work of a number of agencies, but few work together.

(R. Scott Raynovich photo)

streets during rainstorms. The runoff constitutes a significant portion of the pond's water since it has no natural water inlets except for springs.

Arlington officials sought a means of reducing this polluted runoff and improving the circulation of water in the pond.

"The most costly option was to expand a holding area and build a filtration facility—that was the only option acceptable to the MDC," said Teresa H. DeBenedictis, an assistant to Town Manager Donald Marquis. "We aren't in the position right now to build a \$250,000 plant." In addition to the high cost for construction, the plant would have required expensive annual maintenance and manpower.

The MDC-approved plan was a proposal to build a water filtration and treatment plant at the site of an abandoned MDC skating rink near Route 2 in Belmont. The estimated cost was close to \$1 million, but state grants would have reduced the cost to Arlington to the \$250,000 figure mentioned by town officials.

The skating rink site is now being considered by Belmont and Watertown for use as a leaf composting site.

Arlington officials had looked at plans prepared by a consulting firm, Environmental Design and Planning Inc., in 1981. The town had hoped to improve the water quality of Spy Pond through less expensive means, such as increasing the size of a wetland on the Belmont side of Route 2 near Little Pond by diverting some of the runoff from Route 2. In 1988, hopes were raised that

something would finally be done to solve the problem when Whitman and Howard, an architectural and engineering firm, began to guide a diversion project through the final stages of government approval.

However, the MDC and Belmont officials then opposed Arlington's diversion plans, saying they would just flush Spy Pond's problems downstream into Belmont.

Political battleground

Many of the problems in developing a coherent recovery plan for Spy Pond lie in the fact that it falls under the jurisdiction of so many political entities.

The pond itself is state-owned and falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Environmental Management. However, some of the land bordering the pond is owned by the MDC, another state agency. In addition, other municipalities, such as Belmont, feel the effects of Spy Pond since it is part of a series of wetlands that continue downstream on the other side of Route 2.

The town of Arlington has jurisdiction over the shoreline through the Conservation Commission and the Department of Natural Resources.

The Conservation Commission concerns itself with protecting the shore environment through the Wetlands Protection Act, a package of state legislation passed in 1977 that strictly limits shoreline development. The Department of Natural Resources concentrates on keeping town-owned properties near the (See POND, page 10A)

Police look for fugitive

New Hampshire authorities have alerted Arlington police to watch for a dangerous 22-year-old fugitive who may be fleeing to Arlington from New Hampshire, according to Arlington police.

Police officials in the Greater Boston area have been alerted to watch for Bruce E. Newcomb of Warner, N.H., a man wanted in connection with a recent double murder in Warner.

"They found an Arlington phone number in his personnel effects," said Director John Carroll of the Arlington Police Department on Tuesday. Carroll said police believe Newcomb is headed for the Boston area and could show up in Arlington, Cambridge, Charlestown or Belmont. Arlington police files have turned up no records on Newcomb.

Newcomb allegedly shot a man and woman to death in Warner, N.H., on Sunday, Aug. 4. Police say he is 6-feet-11-inches tall, 250 pounds, with blond hair, hazel eyes and may be growing a beard or a mustache.

Carroll said Arlington officials were first warned about Newcomb by the New Hampshire State Police. "You have to assume he is armed and dangerous," he said.

Former employee convicted for drugs

A former employee of the Arlington Department of Natural Resources was recently convicted on charges of possession of cocaine, with intent to sell, and was sentenced to a 5-8 year term in the Cedar Junction State Prison.

John Napolitano, 46, of 111 Locust St., Woburn, was sentenced by Judge Robert Bond in Middlesex Superior Court on July 31. He had been arrested in Woburn on Feb. 9, (See CONVICTED, page 10A)

Local athlete wins two silver medals

Quatieri shines in track and field

Arlington resident Patti Quatieri, a veteran Special Olympics competitor, recently came back from Minneapolis with two silver medals and a sixth place ribbon she earned in competition at the International Special Olympics.

Quatieri, 32, won the silver medals in two track and field events, the standing long jump and the 400 meter walk. The sixth place ribbon was collected in the 4x100 relay race.

"It was great," said Quatieri, who as a 22-year veteran of Special Olympics competitions was the most experienced athlete in the competition. She said she enjoyed her stay in the dormitories of the University of Minnesota and met many people at the events.

Quatieri might have brought home more medals, but she was not able to participate in her two strongest events, the 100 meter and the 200 meter, because of a registration problem. The change surprised Quatieri somewhat.

"We got there and they changed my whole schedule around. That was kind of upsetting because I didn't get training." She said the Spanish team helped her by training

"Adhering to a rigid training schedule, the 32-year-old Quatieri spent more than a year in training for a series of Special Olympics games this summer. She trained with weights, did a lot of running and practiced starting out of blocks."

her in the walking event one hour before the race began.

Quatieri was welcomed home with other Massachusetts athletes at Logan Airport on July 31 and was honored for her accomplishments.

Adhering to a rigid training schedule, the 32-year-old Quatieri spent more than a year in training for a series of Special Olympics games this summer. She trained with weights, did a lot of running and practiced starting out of blocks.

She first attended the Special Olympics state competition at Boston College in June and then prepared herself for the international event in Minneapolis, which took place from July 19 to July 27.

Quatieri, who now lives on Broadway, grew up in Arlington and attended the Crosby Elementary School, Ottonson Junior High School, and Minuteman Tech High School.

Local cable show goes nation-wide

Local cable viewers will get a chance to see Hollywood and Arlington collide in a backyard barbecue this week when celebrity comedian Fred Willard serves as a guest on Arlington Community Television's "Cable Cuisine" show, which is hosted by Arlington resident David Sammarco.

Willard, known for his roles on the television shows "Fernwood 2Night" and "Real People" and his role in the movie "Roxanne", is travelling in search of local television programs to be used on a show called "Access America" on the new cable television comedy station, Comedy Central.

Arriving at the location of the show in a limousine, Willard joined Sammarco in his backyard for a display of some Northern Italian cooking, Arlington style.

In the episode, Willard thinks he'll give Sammarco some suggestions for a little Hollywood flair. "You have kind of a Massachusetts accent," says Willard, "What about a French accent?" But Sammarco puts Willard in his place, reminding him to stick to the cooking. "I wasn't going to let him take over. He was in my kitchen," said Sammarco after the taping of the episode.

The featured dish is Seafood Fra Diavolo en Bianco, which Sammarco puts in Willard's care on the stove. Willard manages to stick with the cooking task despite many digressions, such as asking if he can use some of the cooking oil in a plastic jug for his car and encouraging Sammarco to pick up his guitar while sauteeing.

The cooking on the show serves as comedy, especially when Sammarco pulls out a bottle of store-bought



"Chef Rambo," David Sammarco, discusses strategy with comedian Fred Willard during a taping of Cable Cuisine local cable show.

Italian dressing for the "chicken vinagrette". Sammarco may not be a true student of haute cuisine, but he certainly knows how to spark up the cooking show with a spontaneous rendition of Bob Dylan's "Subterra-

nean Homesick Blues," on accoustic guitar.

Having a Hollywood bigshot in his backyard doesn't seem to intimidate Sammarco much. "This is a famous guy," he says, and then adds,

"Fred, flip the chicken."

The show will be featured on Arlington Community Television, Continental Cable's channel 3, on Aug. 9 at noon, and will be repeated the following Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Cleaning up



Above, Steve Merritt, left, and Alton Frabetti of the Arlington School of Chung Moo Doe plant flowers in Arlington Center. The school sponsored the first Arlington Beautification Day, which included the clearing litter, spreading mulch, and planting flowers in the Center. Below, the group that participated are from left: Merritt, Joe Bozza, Stan Kowalski, Teresa Leger, Paul Rolston, Kurk Kousoukas, Frabetti, Marcia Lord, and Cliff Chaffee. Flowers for the project were donated by Decatur Gardens of Arlington, Bonny's Garden Center of Cambridge, and Gold Star/Seasons Four of Lexington.



HEALTH

Alzheimer's support group meeting, Aug. 13

The St. Eulalia's Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the garage room, 50 Ridge St., Winchester. Meetings are open to families, friends and caregivers. Meetings provide peer support.

Questions and concerns are addressed.

For further information call Roberta at 938-6844.

Alzheimer's youth group completes third year

The Eastern Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Association estimates that there are approximately 100,000 families in our area who are coping with the crisis of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's Disease or a related disorder.

The Alzheimer's Youth Support Group recently completed its third year of meetings at the First Parish

Unitarian Universalist Church at 630 Mass. Ave., Arlington. Group activities included a spaghetti dinner fund raiser to benefit grandparents in nursing homes; a presentation by an art-therapist who works with children and adults to reduce stress through art; a presentation of Christmas Carols to the residents of Millbrook-Senior Housing; a special trip to Sherrill House Nursing Home which has a specialized unit to care for Alzheimer's patients; and many hours of emotional support and education for these very special group members.

The youth group meets monthly from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month from October through June; and is open to children (7-13 years of age) who have experience with a loved one with Alzheimer's Disease or a related disorder. The First Parish Church has been a consistent source of support for the group since 1989 and continues to donate space for meetings at no cost. The group is sponsored by the Alzheimer Associa-

tion of Eastern Massachusetts and The Community Family Alzheimer's Day Centers. Also, Domino's Pizza on Mass. Avenue donated for the third year, free pizza and soda for each of the monthly meetings.



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For further information about the Alzheimer's Youth Support Group or the new Teen Support Group that will be starting this fall, contact the HELP line of the Alzheimer's Association, 494-5150.

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POLICE LOG

Arrests and protective custodies

A 27-year-old Parker Road resident was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on the Mystic Valley Parkway at 7:45 p.m. on July 29. He was also charged with failing to keep right, speeding and operating without a license.

A 23-year-old Arlington man was taken into protective custody after creating a disturbance at Jimmy's Restaurant on Aug. 1.

A 26-year-old man was arrested at 2:32 a.m. on Aug. 2 for an outstanding warrant for motor vehicle violations. The man was stopped after police saw him operating suspiciously near the Peirce School.

A 35-year-old Waltham man was arrested on Aug. 2 at 12:28 p.m. for motor vehicle violations after being stopped for failing to yield for a pedestrian. He was charged with operating after revocation of license, operating an uninsured, unregistered car and operating with unassigned plates.

A 36-year-old Arlington man was taken into protective custody on Aug. 4 at 1:59 a.m. after being found creating a disturbance on Chandler Street.

A 17-year-old Arlington boy was taken into protective custody after being found drunk at Broadway and Cleveland Street at 2 a.m. on Aug. 4.

Larcenies and break-ins

A larceny was reported on Spring

Road at 7:06 a.m. on July 29.

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 1100 block of Mass. Avenue at 9:59 a.m. on July 29.

A stolen vehicle was reported on Summer Street at 11:33 a.m. on July 29.

A bicycle was reported stolen from a Gardner Street location at 1:15 p.m. on July 29.

The A and A Deli on Mass. Avenue reported a suspect had passed a counterfeit \$20 bill. The man was described as white, 20 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 150 pounds, with blond hair and blue eyes.

Larceny was reported on the 900 block of Mass. Avenue at 3:59 p.m. on July 29.

Residents of Crawford Street reported a break-in at 5:42 p.m. on July 29.

A bicycle was reported stolen from Webcowet Road at 5:46 p.m. on July 29.

Police recovered a stolen vehicle on Craggy Street in Somerville at 2:40 a.m. on July 30.

Police recovered a stolen vehicle at 4:23 a.m. on July 30.

A motor vehicle break-in was reported on Beacon Street at 8:37 a.m. on July 30.

A larceny was reported on Medford Street at 10:58 a.m. on July 30.

A motor vehicle break-in was reported on Fremont Street at 5:13 p.m. on July 30.

Residents of Glenburn Road reported a residential break-in at 7:17 p.m. on July 30.

A larceny was reported on Pine Ridge Road at 8:40 p.m. on July 31.

A Parker Road resident reported

Man pleads guilty on school break-in

A 18-year-old Ronald Road resident recently pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering that resulted from his arrest on June 16.

Pericles Dokos was arrested on that date after being found inside Arlington High School by a night watchman.

Dokos will have his case continued without finding in Cambridge District Court, meaning the case will eventually be dropped after a probationary period if there are no further offenses.

Dokos, a graduate of the Arlington High School class of 1991, was alleged to have broken into the high school and removed some bells with another suspect, Peter Worden, a Jason Street resident.

Worden has pleaded not guilty to breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony and his case has been continued to a September court date.

her house had been broken into at 9:35 p.m. on July 31. She described a suspect she had seen running from the house. Police are investigating.

A stolen vehicle was reported at 9:25 a.m. on Aug. 1 on the 1100 block of Mass. Avenue.

A bike was reported stolen from a Decatur Street location at 8:36 p.m. on Aug. 1.

A bicycle was reported stolen at 10:52 p.m. on Aug. 3 from an Edith Street location.

A larceny was reported on the 200 block of Mass. Avenue at 6:06 p.m. on Aug. 3.

A stolen vehicle was reported on Rawson Road at 10:37 a.m. on Aug. 4.

A residential break-in was reported on Summer Street at 5:46 p.m. on Aug. 4.

Vandalism

A resident of Ridge Street reported vandalism at 5:40 a.m. on July 29.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported on Carl Road at 10:18 p.m. on July 29.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported at 6:30 a.m. on July 30 at an Oakland Avenue location.

A Gardner Street business reported vandalism at 10:17 a.m. on July 30.

Vandalism was reported on Old Colony Lane at 6:46 p.m. on July 30.

Commercial vandalism was reported on Mass. Avenue at 1:28 a.m. on July 31.

A Summer Street resident reported motor vehicle vandalism at 4:42 a.m. on July 31.

Cross Street residents reported vandalism at 7:42 p.m. on July 31.

Residential vandalism was reported on Coolidge Road at 11:04 p.m. on July 31.

Broadway residents reported a residential break-in at 11:52 a.m. on Aug. 1.

Residential vandalism was reported at 9:39 p.m. on Aug. 1 at a Beverly Road location.

An employee of the White Hen Pantry on Summer Street reported a customer had come into the store and done damage to merchandise. The employee said he knew the suspect and police will identify him.

Residential vandalism was reported at 2:18 a.m. at a Peirce Street location on Aug. 2.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported at the Spy Pond Condominiums at 2:43 p.m. on Aug. 3.

A stolen vehicle was recovered on Memorial Way at 12:09 a.m. on Aug. 4.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported 10:15 a.m. on Aug. 4.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported on Melvin Road at 9:29 p.m. on Aug. 4.

Miscellaneous

A domestic disturbance was reported on Memorial Way at 6:48 p.m. on July 29.

A fight was reported at Fremont Court at 9:53 p.m. on July 29.

Youths were reported drinking at Fremont Court at 8:06 p.m. on July 30.

A fight was reported on the 1000 block of Mass. Avenue at 9:44 p.m. on July 30. Police said the incident involved two 15-year-old girls who are now pressing mutual assault and battery charges.

A prowler was reported on Gardner Street at 1:12 a.m. on July 31.

A domestic dispute was reported on Parker Road at 8:40 p.m. on July 31.

A domestic dispute was reported on Parker Road at 9:45 p.m. on July 31.

A fight was reported on Summer Street at 10:25 p.m. on July 31.

A domestic dispute was reported on Parker Road at 9:35 a.m. on Aug. 1.

Two Arlington girls, ages 8 and 11, reported at 4:45 p.m. on Aug. 1 that a man approximately 40 years of age had exposed himself to them on Reservoir Beach.

A domestic dispute was reported on Colonial Village Drive at 6:56 p.m. on Aug. 1.

Youths were reported drinking at a Grove Street location at 12:18 a.m. on Aug. 2.

A domestic dispute was reported on the 1000 block of Mass. Avenue at 1:26 a.m. on Aug. 2.

An assault was reported on Webster Street at 1:54 p.m. on Aug. 2.

A fight was reported on the 1400 block of Mass Avenue at 7:44 p.m. on Aug. 2.

A fight was reported on North Union Street at 11:20 p.m. on Aug. 2. Draper Avenue residents reported a fight at 3:26 a.m. on Aug. 3.

An assault was reported on the 1000 block of Mass. Avenue at 2:35 p.m. on Aug. 3.

A domestic problem was reported at 6 p.m. on Aug. 3 at a Fremont Street location.

A domestic dispute was reported at 8:53 p.m. on Aug. 3 on Academy Street.

A fight was reported on Broadway at 12:53 a.m. on Aug. 4.

BIRTHS

David Frye III

David and Jennifer Frye Jr. of Arlington announce the birth of David Lyman Frye III, born on July 2, 1991 in Mount Auburn Hospital.

Grandparents are Jim and Annabelle LaMountain of W. Warwick, R.I. and David Frye Sr. of Belfast, Maine.

Great-grandparents are Victoria Irene Blair of Orlando, Fla. and Alice Mac Verville of W. Warwick, R.I.

Matthew Dalton

David and Gayle (Scott) Dalton of Arlington announce the birth of their son, Matthew Scott Dalton, born on July 22, 1991 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton. The new arrival weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 inches. He will be joining his brother Andrew, age 5, and his sister Kristen, age 3½, at home.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Scott of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Dalton, also of Arlington.

Samantha Stalker

David Stalker and Rhonda Mallett of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Jean Stalker, born on July 13, 1991 in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton. The new arrival weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents include Bill and Mary Ann Mallett of Arlington and Nancy Stalker of Billerica.

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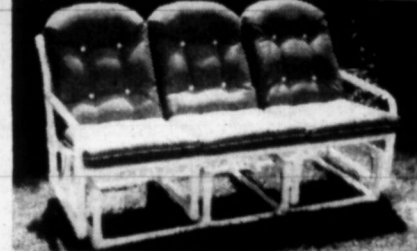
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ARLINGTON PEOPLE

Sullivan participates in skills competition

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin J. Sullivan, a 1971 graduate of Arlington Catholic High School of Arlington, recently participated in a "Readiness Rodeo" sponsored by the Reserve Naval Construction Force at the Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Miss.

Sullivan and 72 other Naval Reserve Seabees met in the fifth annual event designed to test construction skills. Each of the eight competing teams were composed of Seabees from the Navy's seven construction ratings: builder, construction electrician, construction mechanic, engineering aid, equipment operator, steelworker and utilitiesman. They were selected from prior competition on the battalion and regimental levels to represent each regiment.

Together they gained points for their proficiency in five different areas: a personal inspection, a written rating test, a weapon skills test, a construction skill exercise and a standard Navy physical fitness test.

He joined the Navy Reserves in January 1974.

Hersey completes recruit training

Navy Seaman Recruit Sean P. Hersey, son of Robert J. and Elsie Hersey of Newland St., Arlington, completed training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

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The 1988 graduate of Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School, Lexington, joined the Navy in March 1991.

Residents receive citations of honor

Eight Arlington residents who attend Buckingham Browne &

Nichols School in Cambridge, received citations of honor for their academic work during the school year.

In order to receive a citation of honor, a student must maintain an honors academic record for the year.

Cited from grade nine were, Leila Bandar, Jonathan Beardsley, Jeffrey Fennelly, and Merry Russell. Carrie Ardito, Sarah Edgerly, and Brian Gilmore received honors from grade 10, and Sarah Killingsworth was cited from grade 12.

Kondilis on dean's list

Barbara Kondilis, daughter of Penny and Nick Kondilis of Cornell Street, Arlington has been named to the dean's list at Simmons College in Boston for the spring 1991 semester. Kondilis is a senior majoring in psychology.

Two residents on dean's list

Two area residents have been named to the dean's list at Providence College for the spring semester, 1991. Named to the honors list were: Nathan Jones of Fremont Street, Arlington, an undeclared major and member of the class of 1993.

Eileen M. Richardson of Robbins Road, Arlington, a biology-science major and member of the class of 1991.

To attain the dean's list, a student must maintain a 3.250 or higher cumulative average, with no grade lower than 'C.' A grade of 'B' at the college is equal to a 3.0.

Martin to attend AU

Michael R. Martin Jr., son of Arlington residents Michael and Theresa Martin, will attend The American University beginning this fall. He plans to study in the university's Kogod College of Business Administration.

A graduate of Matignon High School, Martin was an Eagle Scout and a member of the varsity baseball and soccer teams.

Low graduates from Becker

Tracy Low graduated from Becker College, Leicester, on May 11 with honors and earned an associate's degree in early childhood education. Low is a 1989 graduate of Arlington High School.

Lordan recognized by bank industry

Jim Lordan has won a first-ever national award from the American Bankers Association for his contributions to the banking industry, the ABA Stonier Graduate School of Banking, his profession, and his community.



Tracy Low



From left are Angelina Battista, Mary Morin, Kathy Buchanan, and David McKenna.

Graduation party for retarded citizens

A graduation party was held in Garron's Restaurant recently for the retarded citizens of Arlington. They attended the first special needs class in the Arlington Adult Education program. This class of

practical money management was taught by Kathy Buchanan, a special needs teacher. Through the efforts of Angelina Battista, Mary Morin, and David McKenna, the program was initiated.



Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, center, is shown with Jean and Frank Privitera of Arlington, at a recent function sponsored by the Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy of Greater Boston to help raise funds for the Don Orione Home of Orient Heights, East Boston. The Priviteras are both "Knights of Don Orione" and members of the Renaissance Lodge.

Ezekielian receives master's degree

Armen Barker Ezekielian received a master of science degree at The Ohio State University spring quarter commencement exercises on June 14 in Ohio Stadium.

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(Carolyn Hine photo)

CLUB NEWS

Garrity completes term as district governor

Robert K. Garrity, a long-time member of the Arlington Lions Club, recently completed being district governor of 60 Lion and Lioness clubs in the Boston and southeastern Massachusetts area.

Governor Garrity visited all of these clubs and attended seven conventions, and five testimonials. At a welcoming home meeting at the Winchester Country Club, Garrity was enthusiastically received by his Arlington Lions Club members.

Garrity, the first governor from Arlington in 52 years, enjoyed a positive membership increase; and his district raised more than \$350,000, which has been donated to Massachusetts Lions Eye Research to help prevent blindness.

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Robert Garrity

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EDITORIAL

Religion issue real

It has been a slow summer for our local government, but this does not mean there are no issues facing our town.

One unexpected issue to recently make its way into public debate is the issue of religion and, most specifically, town-sanctioned prayer at public events.

The town, the Board of Selectmen, and other groups have always acted fairly and with the best interest of Arlington's people when asking local religious leaders to address town gatherings. However, Arlington has continued to change since those policies and matters of practice were formulated.

The issue came to a head for some local residents at recent celebrations where a priest called on Jesus Christ to hear local prayers. The resident considered specificity of one god to mean the exclusion of others.

Selectmen, who by example can change policy, need to look at the use of prayer in town events, the need — if any — to include more religions, and how these policies should be carried out.

A town that excludes residents, even unintentionally, can never truly function as a community. We ask selectmen to bring everyone back into the Arlington fold.

BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

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Massachusetts House and Senate
July 26, 1991

THE HOUSE AND SENATE — "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records local senators' votes on three roll calls and local representatives' votes on two roll calls from debate on the recently signed fiscal 1992 \$12.99 billion budget. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

MEDICAID (S 1992) — Senate 32-5, rejected an amendment increasing Medicaid funding from \$2.48 billion to \$2.6 billion. Supporters said the \$2.48 billion is insufficient and urged senators not to underfund the account and have to come back for supplemental funding at a later date. Opponents acknowledged more funding may be needed but argued underfunding the account slows the spending process and reduces the eventual supplemental spending.

A "Yea" vote is for the \$120 million increase. A "Nay" vote is against the increase.
Senator Robert Havern voted no.

DAIRY STABILIZATION (S 1992) — Senate 17-16, rejected an amendment establishing a "milk tax" of up to 10 cents a gallon on milk wholesalers. The amendment provides that the revenues be used to give cash subsidies to Massachusetts dairy farmers. Amendment supporters, noting the amendment prohibits the tax from being passed on to consumers, said many farmers are going bankrupt because the federally controlled wholesale price of milk is way below their production costs. Opponents said this is nothing more than a \$12 million tax hike to help a small group and argued the hike will eventually be passed on to consumers.

A "Yea" vote is for the tax amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.
Havern voted no.

CONTINGENCY BUDGET (S 1992) — Senate 28-11, rejected an amendment providing that if tax collections for the first four months of fiscal 1992 exceed tax revenue estimates by at least 5 percent, a contingency budget be drafted to provide new estimates and to spend any projected amount of money over the 5 percent excess. The amendment also provides that 40 percent of the money be earmarked for local aid and 60 percent be distributed among housing, human services and higher education. Amendment supporters said this simply guarantees that any surplus be used to restore funding for cities and towns and the needy. Opponents noted that close to a billion dollars is being saved through one-time measures which will not be available next year. They argued any surplus should not be automatically be spent but perhaps should be saved for the future.

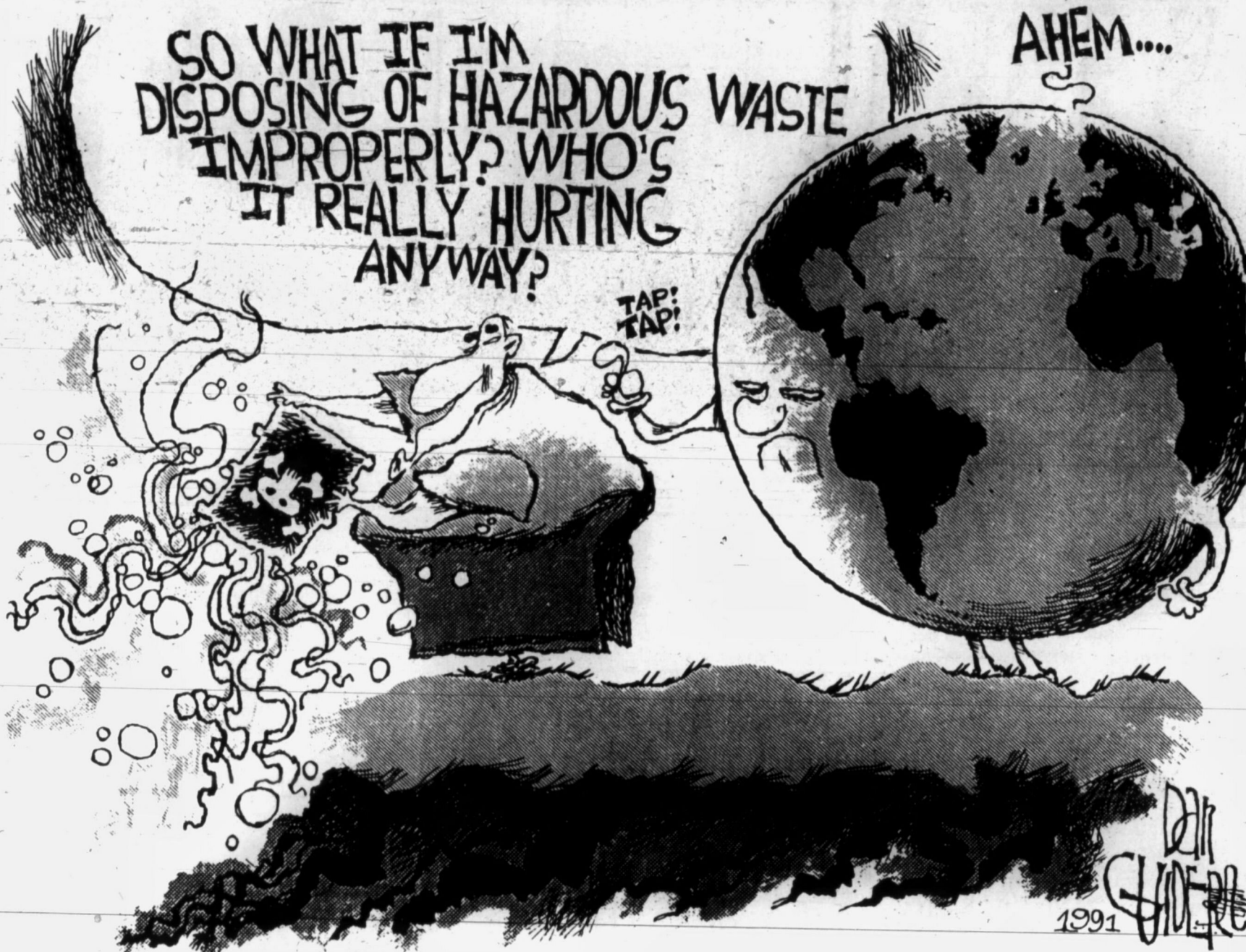
A "Yea" vote is for the contingency amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.
Havern voted no.

ONE PERCENT CUT (H 5600) — House 96-60, refused to reconsider earlier defeat of an amendment making a one percent across the board cut in many accounts and earmarking the money to fund local aid. Amendment supporters said these small cuts can be absorbed in order to provide \$50 million to reduce the local aid cut and help cash starved cities and towns. Opponents said across the board cuts are fiscally irresponsible and are not based on an analysis of the worthiness or revenue generating ability of any programs.

A "Yea" vote is for reconsidering defeat of the across the board cut. A "Nay" vote is against the across the board cut.
Representative Mary Jane Gibson voted no.
Representative Jim Marzilli voted no.

TRANSPORTATION BOND (H 5600) — House 151-0, approved an amendment providing that as bonds are issued under the transportation bond improvement package, cities and towns will be given their promised funds quickly. Amendment supporters said this will release some \$180 million in funding for local projects to help cities and towns.

A "Yea" vote is for the amendment.
Gibson voted yes.
Marzilli voted yes.



GUEST COLUMN

Balanced yes, but at what cost?

By MARY JANE GIBSON
Special to The Advocate

The Commonwealth's budget for 1992 raises disturbing questions. Naturally there is satisfaction in having the budget signed and enacted on time and "in balance," especially when the news is full of stories of neighboring states in comparable fiscal distress who are unable to make that claim.

But a closer look is troubling. Massachusetts' budget "balance" is precarious, built on nearly a billion dollars of one-time savings such as the sale of state lands and the refinancing of debt. Another \$400 million is attributable to newly discovered federal Medicaid reimbursements — also a one-time windfall — thanks to the careful work of a young woman part-time state worker. Still another \$400 million of "savings" on which our "balance" depends are yet-to-be-made cuts from the '92 Medicaid account.

The governor's Secretary of Human Services, David Forsberg, has said that savings of that magnitude are impossible. My colleague, Rep. John McDonough, well versed in the complexities of Medicaid, says savings that large would mean evicting elderly patients from nursing homes. In short, nearly \$2 billion of the \$13 billion budget is problematic because it depends on one-time savings, extraordinary luck and enforced future cuts in the Medicaid

account which knowledgeable people think cannot be achieved.

Clearly, this year's "balance" is questionable. It may be understandable that unusual, even risky, measures be taken in a recession — now felt in 40 states — when revenues plummeted for the third year. Even if one accepts these as extraordinary measures for extraordinarily difficult times, still, a further warning has to be sounded because the illusion of balance produced by these one-time savings is not the only problem with this budget.

Responsible people will also look at the deep cuts in state services that are being made. We need to ask ourselves whether, with cuts of this magnitude, we risk dropping below the standard of decency that has characterized Massachusetts and made us a "commonwealth."

The governor insists that we cut general relief, which gives minimal assistance, mostly temporary, to people who do not qualify for Social Security or any other problem. They are elderly, disabled, former mental hospital patients, and others who are unable to work.

The budget exacts a fourth year of substantial cuts in public higher education.

The budget cuts aid for local services: public education, police, fire, and public safety, but does not provide politically workable ways for cities and towns to make up the losses with local revenues.

Massachusetts Home Care Agencies will serve 10,000 fewer frail elderly citizens in the current fiscal year than we did two years ago and many are on waiting lists now.

Consider the young people who rely on public education, elderly people who with some home care can remain in their home, and the poorest and least capable citizens reliant on general relief. The cuts to these three populations illustrate the substantial lowering of standards that this budget represents. We should ask ourselves whether we as a commonwealth are so impoverished that we cannot educate the children, protect the frail elderly and support, at least minimally, the very poor and disabled.

The destructive effects on our education system may be the least visible right now, and the most dangerous. "The normally sensible citizens of Massachusetts," said economist Lester Thurow, accept a budget "cutting education far more than anything else ... in doing so (they) throw away their own future." Harold Reynolds, who is resigning as Commissioner of Education in disgust at the state's "disinvestment in public education," says he has to "find a place where the climate and support for children and human consideration is what it used to be in Massachusetts."

I believe that we are misled by talk show hosts, a few journalists,

and even the governor to ignore the suffering of fellow citizens. We ourselves are diminished. We need to face the challenging questions that are raised by the '92 budget. Is this budget "balanced" to an unfair, unacceptable extent on the enforced sacrifices of state workers? Can we safely disregard the predictable suffering of populations who need help. Do we compromise our economic future by the deliberate gutting of public education? Does the '92 budget take us over a line in these areas?

The issues raised here are not narrow partisan issues. They go more to the basic decency, common sense, and sense of responsibility that I believe most Massachusetts citizens share.

I voted NO on this budget. I have written to the speaker asking for an override of the governor's actions on general relief and emergency assistance. I voted for a one cent sales tax dedicated to education.

I hope that others will join me in expressing resistance and disappointment in the '92 budget. It assumes that we are an impoverished people, too poor or too irresponsible to provide basic services.

I reject those assumptions. I believe we are a better people than the political establishment realizes.

(Mary Jane Gibson, a democrat, is the State Representative for East Arlington and all of Belmont.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Resident has concern over church renovations

TO THE EDITOR:

The parishioners of St. James Parish, where I was baptized, received my First Holy Communion and was confirmed, will, I firmly believe, prove me right.

I was stunned this morning to arrive at the Upper Church of St. James Church and to see the latest in the rapings of the design of my uncle, architect John D'Orsi, who is deceased. The upper walls were painted white, covering the symbols which had been there since the Dedication of the upper church.

Some weeks ago, after learning that the upper church was going to be painted, my son, Anthony and I asked a member of our Parish Council whether the symbols would be safe. She assured us she had expressly asked Father Daley, the pastor, about this and he told her the symbols would be preserved. They would be masked and the walls would be painted around them.

Therefore, after Mass this morning I spoke with Father Healy in this regard. I told him I have never been an angrier parishioner. I told him I had been told the symbols would be preserved and that, if I knew there was a danger of their being lost, I could have stopped it. I believe there is strength in numbers. Therefore, I told him I would have written to The Advocate about this matter, and I

felt certain hundreds of parishioners would call the Parish House to protest. Father Healy's response was that it did not matter if parishioners did not want the symbols painted over because "this was not a democracy."

That remark was not only arrogant (it stunned Anthony into oblivion that anyone could discount the feelings of hundreds of parishioners) but it was the most outrageous statement which could be made to someone who agrees 100 percent with Catholic Church teachings. I was not talking about whether priests should marry, whether nuns should be allowed to be priests, whether abortion is a sin, etc. I was talking about my house of worship and the house of worship of my fellow parishioners.

All afternoon I contacted as many parishioners as was humanly possible. Everyone was upset with the painting over of the symbols. Many were disturbed by the removal of numerous pews in the rear of the upper church. ("It looks like a dance hall.") Others were discontent with the appearance of the new reconciliation rooms. ("They look like huts.") And there were remarks about the ceiling fans. ("They're called 'ceiling fans' because they cool the ceiling. They don't cool us.")

Later on in the day I phoned Father Healy and made the recommendation that, when the priests plan to make a change in the physical appearance of the church, they give parishioners a two-week warn-

ing in the church bulletin. This would give us an opportunity to express our opinions. His response was that if he gave parishioners such a choice "nothing would ever get done." (Incidentally, I positively know that three parishioners told Father Healy they desired to keep the symbols prior to their loss and he responded it did not matter, they were going to be painted over. These three parishioners are well-known to many people.)

One of my cousins who lives in a town west of Arlington told me her pastor, recently retired, sent the parishioners questionnaires to fill out regarding their preferences for the physical appearance of their church because, after all, they are supporting it. (This is obviously "a democracy.")

Now St. James parishioners, will you prove me right? If you are as shocked as I am by the loss of what Father Healy describes as "out-of-date, '50s, poor-quality art," and, if so, in the future, you wish to be apprised of such plans which may cause irreversible damage, please call the Parish House. When you do so, please recall that Father Healy said that "this is not a democracy."

Ask for Father Healy. He should take all phone calls on this subject. Most important, remember the words of Father Daley written to all parishioners in April regarding the renovations of the upper church, when he said: "Thanks to your generosity and the expert management of your donations by the Finance Council, we have sufficient

funds to cover all of this work."

If you do not phone the Parish House now, please remember this letter if and when something is done to irrevocably change the magnificent altar in our upper church.

Vera J. Bernacchi

Recycling ideas abound

TO THE EDITOR:

The announcement that the Town will be picking up Fall leaves to recycle comes as welcome news. With paper recycling already working, Arlington's getting a little greener all the time. The other day, stopping by my favorite one-stop-clear-your-conscience merchant's in Arlington (where one can select an overdue gift, a card enclosure, have the things boxed and shipped in one quick operation) — I discovered still another project to help the environment. The place is Mailboxes, USA at 369 Mass Ave. The new project they're sponsoring provides a Collection Station for those ubiquitous mini styrofoam shapes, "peanuts", semi-circles, etc., used in packaging.

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Flora Hass

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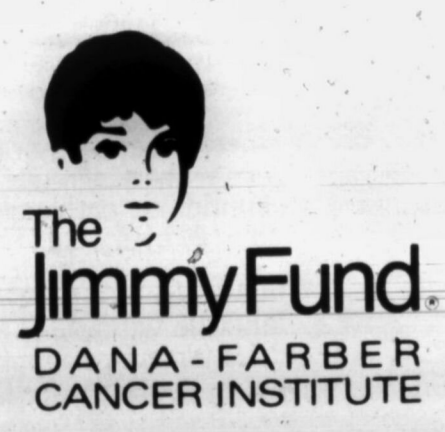
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Should not have state-sponsored religion

TO THE EDITOR:
In her letter to The Advocate on July 25, Vera Bernacchi rejects the rumor that Jews left the Coolidge Corner Theater en masse to avoid Disney's version of the Ave Maria. One wonders why she took pains to see it repeated in print. Several good reasons occur as to why patrons would leave the movie at that point: Some might be in a hurry; some might want to avoid Disney's saccharine appendage to Mussorgsky's peaceful resolution of A Night on Bald Mountain; most likely, some might remember how much the cartoon demons frightened children.
The main content of that letter, however, was a defense of "public prayer." In our country all are free to hold personal beliefs and to gather with their fellow believers to share those beliefs. What is not justified is the imposition of those beliefs

on anyone else. If a person chooses to pray in public, without disrupting the activities of others, that is public prayer and is perfectly permissible. But when a sectarian prayer is imposed on people gathered for a civic ceremony, that is state-sponsored religion, and is not permissible.
Martin Cohn

Former residents express gratitude for services

TO THE EDITOR:
We recently moved from Arlington, having spent 18½ happy years in the town. We think Arlington is very well run and has excellent services.
The Public Works Department was outstanding. The trash pick-up was always on time and everything was handled in a neat and orderly fashion. The snow was removed promptly and our street was cleaned frequently.
In our opinion, the Arlington Public Works Department is one of

the finest in the Commonwealth.
Thank you Messrs. Richard and John Bowler, and all the hard-working gentlemen in your department. You're the greatest.
William R. and Kathleen A. Kelly
(Formerly of 93 Spring St.)

Need for library questioned

TO THE EDITOR:
Can someone please tell me how this town can afford to spend \$3 million on the addition for the Robbins Library, when so many school programs are being eliminated, and so many teachers, firefighters and police officers are losing their jobs. Not to mention the elimination of senior citizen programs, also.
Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but wasn't it just a few short years ago we were told that if we didn't override Proposition 2½ the Robbins Library would be forced to close its doors? Now here we are ready to sink \$3 million into an addition. Where is our financially strapped town getting all this money?
I realize that the total cost is \$6.7 million and the state is putting in \$3.3 million with another \$4 million coming from private donations but where may I ask is the town digging up \$3 million for this project? How can we spend \$3 million that we claim we don't have for our schools, fire, police and senior citizens?
If anyone out there has an answer to my questions, please explain, but don't use the old excuse that this money was allocated before all this financial trouble hit us, and please don't tell me that if the addition isn't done now we will lose the \$3.3 million from the state. Those are your more typical excuses. What I want to know is how can we spend money we don't have, or have our town officials pulled the wool over our eyes again?

These are tough times for all of us and I would expect that town money would be used toward the town's most important assets first. After all, when looking for a town to live in, is it the library or the excellent school system, police, and fire facilities that attract prospective buyers?
Now, don't misunderstand me. I realize that education and our town library go hand-in-hand but isn't the Robbins Library one of the best equipped libraries in the area? It seems to be more than adequate to me. If the library does need to be updated it seems that \$3.7 million (state money plus private donations) is more than enough to do a respectable job of renovations.
Please understand I would be totally for an extravagant addition for our library if our town wasn't in such a financial bind, but when I see so many teachers, police officers and firefighters losing their jobs because of the lack of town money I can't conceivably justify spending \$3 million for a library addition.
Joseph Wilkitts

Library project rolls along

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mineral-composite imitation slate.
Although the imitation slate has been budgeted for, since it is \$25,000 cheaper, town officials will wait to see how bidding goes to see if they can afford the real thing. "I maintain no one will know the difference," said Bertaux.
The portion of the old library containing the young adults' area will be demolished.
The differences of the two portions of the building will essentially lie in internal structure and window space. The new structure will be built with a steel frame interior and Indiana limestone exterior. The old building was constructed with solid limestone blocks. "We can match that [the limestone] very closely," said Bertaux. "We can't match the efflorescence, though." Efflorescence is the architectural term for water stains from the gutters.
The addition will have significantly more window space. "We came up with a pretty similar window treatment form," said Bertaux, who liked the original architect's idea of a window configuration that could fuse any number of windows together on the different faces of the building. The new addition will have more window panels, especially on the side of the building opening up to the Robbins Memorial Gardens. The panels will also be smaller and broken up into grids, giving the addition a more modern effect.
An especially attractive feature of the addition will be a large, sunken

patio in the gardens. This, along with the large bay window on the west wall, will give more emphasis to the library's outdoor environment. A landscape plan has been drawn, calling for the transplanting of the more valuable plants from the area of the garden that will disappear and providing an extensive list of new plants to be added around patio's perimeter.
Once the addition is finished, construction will move into the 24-week

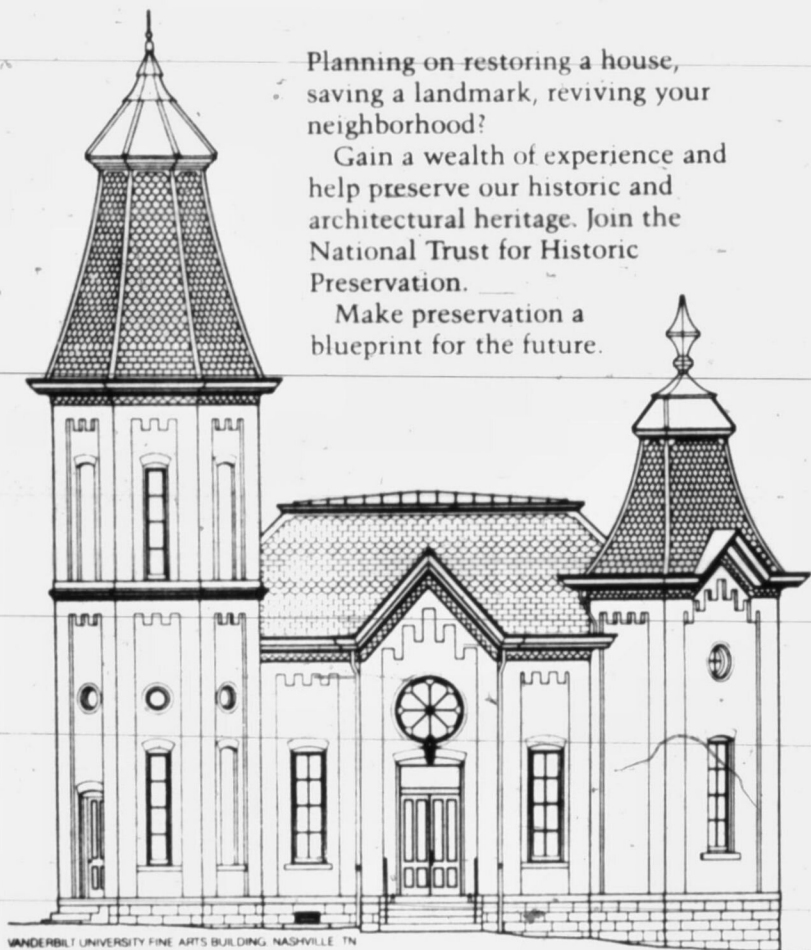
phase two. In this phase, the old portion of the library be completely renovated while the addition serves all of the library's functions. Temporary dividers will separate the new library area from the construction area.
Phase three will take 18 weeks and will renovate the children's library area.
Construction is expected to be year-round, except during the most inclement weather.

Former employee convicted for drugs

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1990, on warrants issued for his arrest by the Arlington Police Department.
Napolitano worked for the town as a tree climber from 1969 until his retirement in 1988, according to a spokesman from the personnel department. He is still receiving a town pension.
Evidence gathered in Arlington during Napolitano's years of employment contributed to his conviction, according to John Carroll, director of Arlington police services.
Other evidence in the case included \$3,000 in cash, some firearms, and a quantity of cocaine confiscated during a search of Napolitano's Woburn house on Feb. 9.
Napolitano has exhausted all appeals and is now serving his term. Napolitano's conviction came days after a current employee of the

Department of Natural Resources, Daniel Snyder, was arrested in Stoneham and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. Snyder has yet to go to trial.
Personnel records show Snyder and Napolitano worked together for nearly two years. Snyder was hired on Feb. 10, 1986, and Napolitano did not retire until Dec. 15, 1988. The two employees were both involved in the tree department. Snyder works as a mechanic in a town garage on Ryder Street that houses the park and tree department's equipment and Napolitano was responsible for climbing and trimming trees.
However, police say there is no connection between the two cases and an investigation of Snyder's alleged activity has turned up no connection with Napolitano. "The cases are not related," said Carroll on Monday.

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England shortly after graduating from the University of Wisconsin with an English degree in 1975, and lived in Maine for a while.
"I have one foot in New England," said Eskowitz. In a sense, he is a New England poet. He speaks highly of Melville, Thoreau and Emerson, and some poems he has written, like "Good Fortune", are reminiscent of the romantic, natural quality that traditional New England poets are known for.
"Good Fortune and Prosperity" curiously mingles the images of a T.V. astrologer and "a sunburnt farmer of Yankee ways". In the poem he writes of being with his wife and son and meeting the farmer, who is selling strawberries alongside the road. The poet ventures into the fields to become lost amidst "the sun, the immensity, the strawberries, the perfume ..."
Curiously, said Eskowitz, "Good Fortune" was published "almost by accident." While he has labored for almost two decades sending out manuscripts to get numerous poems published, his success with "Good Fortune" came when he included it in a casual letter to somebody he knew that worked for the California publication "New Dimensions." He had signed the poem, wishing "good fortune", and the fortune was returned to him by having the poem published.
If Eskowitz has one foot in New England, the other may find itself in Eastern Europe. A historical poem he wrote in 1981 about the emergence of the Solidarity movement in Poland, entitled "Poland, Hanukkah", was just published last year, and won third prize in the Worcester Review Poetry Contest. The poem begins with winter imagery, and moves on to describe the oppression of "weasel-eyed Generals and Soviet marshals over the body and people of Poland."
Eskowitz said "Poland, Hanukkah" is probably the most significant piece he has written. "It's a poem that focuses on the

denial of freedom," he said. The candles, which reappear at the end of each stanza, represent the "burning of the spirit" in a "rage against darkness", according to him.
Eskowitz' living room is lined with bookshelves packed with English, Italian, Russian, Hebrew and German books, many of which he inherited from his father, a immigrant from a small town near the border between Poland and Germany.
He recently found out about a well known literary magazine that is published in Arlington, the new renaissance, and was immediately drawn to it. "I was always interested in the American Literary Renaissance of the 19th century, with Emerson, Thoreau and Whitman, and then I happened to come across this," he said. "I sensed that literature was repeating itself."
He has courted the new renaissance, for several years now, although unsuccessfully. The magazine, which is edited by Arlington resident Louise Reynolds and compiled in her home on Heath Road, is internationally recognized. "It's really major league, but I thought it would help that I'm a local," said Eskowitz. "I sent them several pieces and they told me they were mad because I sent them so much and they had too much to read."
Eventually, after several discussions with the poetry editor and elaborate correspondences in which the magazine asked Eskowitz to change some of the conventions of his poetry, they rejected his poems. "They wrote me a four-page letter of rejection and I wrote them a six-page letter back," he said.
He sees this as a sign of the fierce competition among poets to get their material published. While many think the literary establishment is shrinking, Eskowitz thinks poetry is becoming more popular. "Poetry is strangely something that is becoming multiplied," he said. "It's like somebody said to me once: There are as many of us out there as there are trying to grow tomatoes in the summertime."

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